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1. A VP heavy tank regiment was being organized in Erfurt-Steiger during the period from 25 July through 16 August 1952. The regiment was formed from personnel of Volkspolizei Dienststellen (VPDs) Leipzig I and II, Meiningen and other units. Its first commanding officer was VP Oberrat Peter (fnu) who was replaced by VP Oberrat Brandis (fnu). On 16 August, the regiment was moved to the Eggesin area where it was quartered in a tent camp consisting of 45 large tents, erected in a clearing in the woods between Eggesin and Torgelow. The headquarters of the unit was established in a farm yard in the vicinity.<sup>1</sup>
2. The regiment was organized into: a headquarters, a headquarters company, a technical company and an AAA company; a submachine gun rifle battalion consisting of a headquarters platoon and 4 companies; 2 tank battalions with a headquarters platoon, a technical platoon and 4 companies to each battalion; and an SP gun battalion consisting of 3 batteries. In early September, the regiment had an actual strength of 210 officers and 740 BN. No information was available on its authorized strength. No tanks were observed with the unit prior to mid-August 1952. However, [ ] 2. [ ] it was to be equipped with T-34/85 tanks. A BMW sedan and two Morch-Diesel trucks were the only motor vehicles available. The unit was equipped with 11 field kitchens which had been recently manufactured in East Germany.<sup>2</sup>
3. A total of 26 officers was assigned to the regimental headquarters. [ ] names of the following officers:

VP Oberrat Brandis (fnu)	Commanding officer, an ex-tank officer.
VP Rat Herbert Weber	PK officer, an ex-tank officer.
VP Oberkommissar Kurt Winter	First deputy to the commanding officer.
VP Rat Weirich (fnu)	Chief of staff.
VP Kommissar Willi Arndt	1st assistant to the chief of staff (planning)
VP Kommissar Ullrich Wroblewski	2d assistant to the chief of staff (reconnaissance)

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VP Unterkommissar Harry Schuetze	3d assistant to the chief of staff (signal communications)
VP Kommissar Hartmuth Hegener	4th assistant to the chief of staff (cadre and personnel)
VP Rat Otto Berghoff	Supply officer.
VP Kommissar Guenter Tenzel	Finance officer.
VP Kommissar Harry Mohke	Ration supply and clothing officer.
VP Kommissar Gerhard Klara	POL (petroleum, oil and lubrication) officer.
VP Kommissar Herbert Meyer	Construction officer.
VP Kommissar Harald Runze	Officer in charge of classified material.
VP Kommissar Rudolf Bauer	Propaganda officer.
VP Kommissar Schroeder (fnu)	KDJ secretary.
VP Kommissar Kurt Trager	SED secretary.
VP Kommissar Grunewald (fnu)	Librarian and club officer.
VP Kommissar Franz (fnu)	Signal communications officer.
VP Rat Willi Herzer	Technical supply officer.
VP Kommissar Hellmuth Krept	State security officer, detached by the division.
VP Oberkommissar Kurt Ruenter	Motor transport officer.
VP Kommissar Harald Schmidt	1st assistant to the motor transport officer.
VP Kommissar Mueller (fnu)	2d assistant to the motor transport officer.
VP Kommissar Kreienbring (fnu)	3d assistant to the motor transport officer.

25X1 1. [ ] Comment. These data confirm previous information on the activation of a tank regiment in Erfurt and its transfer to Torgelow. [ ] VP Oberstaute Peter (fnu) and Brandis (fnu) were previously known as being the commanding officers of tank units in the Torgelow area.

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25X1 2. [ ] Comment. The organization of the regiment appears to be similar to that of a heavy tank and SP gun regiment of a Soviet tank division. [ ] 25X1 [ ] did not state whether the heavy VP tank regiment is also scheduled to be equipped with JS tanks.

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